



## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified application are:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 with forty-three (43) references.
- (X) A return prepaid postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

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